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News worth sharing.



KHAN RETIRES

An emotional Obby Khan talks to media about his retirement Wednesday. The Blue Bombers centre said he plans to open a restaurant in Winnipeg's downtown. Story, page 6. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

Water-park vote down the drain

Funding delayed.

Council moves to get more information before deciding on Canalta deal



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Winnipeg city council will delay a vote on a proposed deal that would see millions in public funds go to a privately run water park.

Council had intended to vote on the deal with Alberta-based Canalta Hotels at its Wednesday meeting, but a motion by Coun. Dan Vandal to hold off until the developer provides a site plan, detailed designs, a public-access agreement,

and consultations with neighbours at The Forks was passed 10-5.

"My motion is open-ended in terms of time," Vandal said after the vote.

The deal would have seen Canalta get \$7 million in city funding to develop a hotel with a 50,000-square-foot water park and parkade on city-owned land known as Parcel Four, between the Winnipeg Goldeyes' Shaw Park and the under-construction Canadian Museum for Human Rights.

In return, Canalta would have paid the city \$6 million and provided \$700,000 in vouchers annually for 25 years for low-income families.

Mayor Sam Katz recused himself from the vote because he's the majority owner of the Winnipeg

Goldeyes.

Voting against Vandal's motion were councillors Justin Swandel, Paula Havixbeck, Russ Wyatt, Grant Nordman and Mike Pagtakhan, though the latter two said they won't approve the deal regardless of whether more information is provided.

Swandel said it was "disrespectful" to ask Canalta to provide more information, while Havixbeck said council didn't need the information to make an informed vote.

"For people to say that they didn't have answers to their questions, I think is irrelevant," she told council.

The water-park plan now goes back for review from council's downtown development committee.

The buzz is coming back

The city's insect-control branch has begun spraying larvicide in anticipation of mosquitoes

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Local label still rockin'

Transistor 66 celebrating a decade in the music business with special birthday concerts

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We have tips for what you should be asking about, and what you can do to find the best mortgage

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Get ready to start swatting; skeeters are on their way

Insect control.

The city says it's prepared if there is a mosquito invasion

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Mosquito season could be back in as little as two weeks.

The city's insect-control branch is anticipating mosquito season and has started applying larvicide via four helicopters.

They hope to kill most of the larvae before they turn into mosquitos to avoid having to fog later in the spring.

"If (the weather) stays like this, expectations would be that a very small amount of mosquitoes are out there but that could change tomorrow," said City of Winnipeg entomologist Taz Stuart, who can only predict the level of insects up to 14 days.

"If we get five inches of rain, I will have a very different story."

The city is following the same procedures as last



Mosquito larvae in a Petri dish.
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year. One small difference is that the nuisance fogging buffer zone for houses has been reduced from 100 to 90 metres.

To keep mosquitoes off people's property for the time being, Stuart suggested eliminating all standing water from yards.

He also said it is too late in the season to start banding trees to protect from cankerworms, as the eggs would have already been laid.

The city expects a higher number of worms in the Fort Rouge and St. Boniface areas.



Taz Stuart next to one of the city's four larviciding helicopters. ALYSSA MCDONALD/FOR METRO

'Down payment' of \$1.5M for more officers



WPS Chief Keith McCaskill, right, with Manitoba Attorney General Andrew Swan, said funding for 10 new police officers and 10 cadets will help the force "meet the needs of the citizens of Winnipeg." BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

The Manitoba government has announced funding for 24 new police officers and cadets, calling the move a "down payment" on a much larger promise to put more police on the streets.

The province will put up \$1.5 million this year to fund 10 new officers and 10 cadets in Winnipeg, one officer in Brandon, two officers for the RCMP and one investigator for the provincial investigations unit, Attorney General Andrew Swan said Wednesday.

"We made some very important commitments over our mandate and, again,

this is a down payment," he said.

During the provincial election campaign last fall, the NDP promised to fund an extra 150 police officers and cadets over four years.

Part of the challenge is setting up a cadet program outside of Winnipeg.

"The RCMP is very interested in finding a way for us to have a successful cadet program outside the perimeter highway."

Cadets have been used by the Winnipeg Police Service to handle many routine calls, freeing up police officers for more urgent mat-

Campaign promise

150

During the provincial election campaign last fall, the NDP promised to fund an extra 150 police officers and cadets over four years, but there is a challenge setting up a cadet program outside Winnipeg.

ters.

The province is now talking to the RCMP about setting up a similar program in other communities, Swan said.

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Health care

Regional Health Authorities merger to move ahead in a month's time

Regional Health Authorities has approved the Manitoba government's proposal to reduce the number of offices from 11 to five.

Health Minister Theresa Oswald said in the announcement on Tuesday that the decision will improve health care and protect the resources for front-line services.

The province says the merger will help cut administration costs.

After offices are set up, interim boards comprised of former members will be put in place.

The merger will start by

Downsizing

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The provincial government's proposal to reduce the number of offices from 11 to five will improve health care and protect resources, says the health minister.

the end of May and Oswald said public consultation will happen later in the year. METRO

Tax incentives

Tax incentives to help improve workforce, says province

New tax incentives for employers who hire apprentices and provide on-the-job training will help develop the Manitoba workforce, the provincial government said

Tuesday.

The announcement outlines an increase in hiring incentive for journey people, as well as a Rural and Northern Apprenticeship Training Strategy, which will upgrade high school shop classes, improve investment in mobile training labs at Red River College and help rural people start their own businesses. The plan was announced earlier this month in the 2012 Manitoba budget. METRO

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On the web

He be jammin'

Barack Obama hit the late-night TV circuit (to mixed reviews). Watch Obama slow-jam a stump speech with Jimmy Fallon at metronews.ca

Screeners accused of cashing in

U.S. Transportation Security Administration screeners accused of taking bribes to allow drugs through Los Angeles' airport have been charged in a corruption probe. A 22-count indictment unsealed Wednesday outlined five incidents in which the employees allegedly took up to \$2,400 to provide drug couriers unfettered access at LAX. Full story at metronews.ca

Mobile news



A mob of 30 women got into a bloody street fight in California after a wife discovered her husband was cheating on her with another woman, who was posting comments about the romance on Facebook. Scan the code for the story.

Dock fire. Blaze closes part of Main Street

Winnipeg police blocked a portion of Main Street at the foot of the Norwood Bridge Tuesday night so firefighters could run a line over to fight a fire that broke out just behind the rail lines.

A grass fire that spread to a Styrofoam boat dock stored near where the Red River meets the Assiniboine River sent thick plumes of black smoke into downtown and snarled traffic in the area Tuesday evening.

Police blocked traffic at the corner of Stradbrook Avenue and Main Street so firefighters could run a line from the nearest hydrant across Main to battle the fire that started around 7:30 p.m. on the north river bank near the foot of the Norwood Bridge.

"There was some grass on fire and it extended to some docks, some Styrofoam floatation devices, and as a result there was a fair bit of black smoke," said Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service platoon Chief Ted Kuryluk at the scene. "We needed a lot of water, so that's why needed to close the street."

Kuryluk said firefighters had the blaze under control by 8:15 p.m.

Police say there were no injuries in the fire and damages are estimated at \$30,000.

The Arson Strike Force continues to investigate and anyone with information is asked to call police at 986-6813 or Crime Stoppers at 786-TIPS.

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Police block Main Street as firefighters put out a blaze. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Real estate. Province puts property info online

The Manitoba government launched a new service Wednesday that aims to make gathering the information needed to buy or sell a home or property faster and easier.

The service, dubbed Documents Online, will allow people to search, view, download and print documents from the Property Registry database from their home computers.

"Previously, if a property owner, lawyer or bank wanted a copy of a mortgage, they had to submit a service request and then wait for the Property Registry to find the docu-

ment, print it and mail or fax it back," said Healthy Living, Seniors and Consumer Affairs Minister Jim Rondenau in a release. "This new service gives access to document information within minutes."

Documents Online currently contains more than 1.5-million documents including most papers registered in all six Land Titles Offices over the last six years, and Rondenau said he expects the number to double this year.

For more information on Documents Online call 1-866-MANITOBA.

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Spence

Police ask for public's help in stabbing investigation

Police are asking for help investigating what led to a man being stabbed and left in a Spence-area street early Tuesday morning.

Police responded to the area of Notre Dame Av-

enue and Balmoral Street around 2:30 a.m. after a passerby noticed an injured 26-year-old man lying in the roadway.

The man remains in critical condition and no arrests have been made.

Anyone who may have been in the area and has information regarding the incident is asked to contact police at 986-6668 or Crime Stoppers at 786-TIPS.

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Metro Kush, 25, said he learned origami while in high school and is using it as his medium at Gutter Art Space (G.A.S.). "I like it for the social aspect of art."

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Drop-in centre a total G.A.S.

Gutter Art Space. Youth get new place to express themselves



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A new weekly art drop-in space provides youth not only with an outlet for self-expression but a sense of community as well.

Gutter Art Space, or G.A.S. as it's known to its members, is the result of a year-long collaboration between Resource Assistance for Youth (RaY) and local artist Leah Decter.

"The idea was for them to feel at home," said Decter during the launch of the art space at 195 Young St. "The great thing is that RaY saw that it had an impact and wanted it to keep going."

Decter first began working with RaY through the Winnipeg Arts Council's "With Art" program, which plays matchmaker between artists and community organizations.

The "With Art" program wrapped up in October, but the program, which began with six members, was transformed "seamlessly" into the G.A.S. drop-in program.

"What we decided to do was to get a group of youth

together and get them to develop their own projects," said Decter. "They came up with all sorts of amazing ideas."

Metro Kush, who uses origami as his medium, said he likes the drop-in for its "social aspect."

"I get to meet new people that might not normally come to RaY," said Kush, who went from being a RaY client to working full-time as its custodian.

Cam Forbes, G.A.S. art coordinator, said the youth who participate really feel like they belong there.

"They're having positive experiences and building self-

confidence," added Forbes.

"It's just really great to be able to see that."

Laird Rankin, chair of the Winnipeg Arts Council, called G.A.S. a "wonderful teaching tool."

"The participants name their own medium, they decide what they want to do," said Rankin, adding that public art adds to a city's quality of life and Winnipeg's arts scene is second to none in Canada.

RaY is a social agency that offers homeless and street-entrenched youth a variety of programs and services aimed at helping them meet their basic needs.

Weather has farmers feeling optimistic

Manitoba farmers are relying on the great weather and good trade prices to help rebuild from last year's flood.

"It's going to be a game-changer for a lot of producers if they can get a good crop this year," said Keystone Agriculture Producer president Doug Chorney.

Chorney, a cereal and oil seed farmer from East Selkirk,

said the nice weather and early snow melt means producers can start seeding operations ahead of schedule.

He said the earlier the start time, the greater the opportunity for the yields to be better. This combined with good commodity prices should make for a positive year.

"I am sensing lots of optimism from producers that this

will be the year we recover from the big setbacks we've had in years' past," Chorney told Metro Winnipeg.

Last year's flood resulted in a devastating loss for many Manitoban farmers. Chorney said specifically, the north Interlake region has had four years of almost no production.

"It's not just losing your paycheck when you have a year

like last year, its potentially losing your retirement and your home. (The north Interlake farmers) are going to need a lot more than one good year to rebuild from all this," he said.

A spokesperson from the province's Ministry of Agriculture refused to comment, saying there was nothing more to be said on the issue.

ALYSSA McDONALD/FOR METRO

HOW A CREDIT CARD CAN HELP NEWLYWEDS FURNISH THEIR FIRST HOME



Ali and Fatima, both 29, are newlyweds living in Ottawa. In the fall, they used their wedding gift money to put a substantial

down payment on a bungalow in the Elmvalle Acres area of the city. The house has a small yard, an unfinished basement and "tons of potential," says Ali, who intends to finish it himself.

The couple is in good financial shape. Ali has a government job downtown while Fatima works for an association. Their combined annual income is \$80,000.

They have a budget they can live with and their debt is manageable — along with the mortgage, Ali's student loan will be paid off in five years and their

car is leased. What also helps is they receive financial help periodically from Ali's parents who live nearby.

Ali and Fatima are having fun furnishing their house, and they have an eye on the future too — children, a bigger house and "definitely, annual vacations south," says Fatima.

The couple has a *Scotia Momentum*® VISA® cash back credit card, which they use for as many of their monthly purchases as possible. In fact, they just bought a new big screen TV and put the purchase on their card, earning them some valuable cash back.

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Their card has a \$5,000 credit limit, and they try to pay off the balance every month because they like to have the credit available "just in case," says Ali. Their card also comes with tons of other features and benefits, such as Purchase Security and Extended Warranty Protection, that give the couple peace of mind when paying by credit card.

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Ali and Fatima's profile:

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Paul LaPolice says he's privileged to have coached Obby Khan for three years



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A good football player, a nice guy and an example of someone who overcomes obstacles.

That's how Winnipeg Blue Bomber Ibrahim (Obby) Khan hopes fans remember him after announcing his retirement on Wednesday.

"I feel as though it's time for me to move on.... Deep down I really believe it's time for me," said Khan, 31, during a press conference at the Blue & Gold Room.

"I have given everything I can to this game, to this team, to this city."

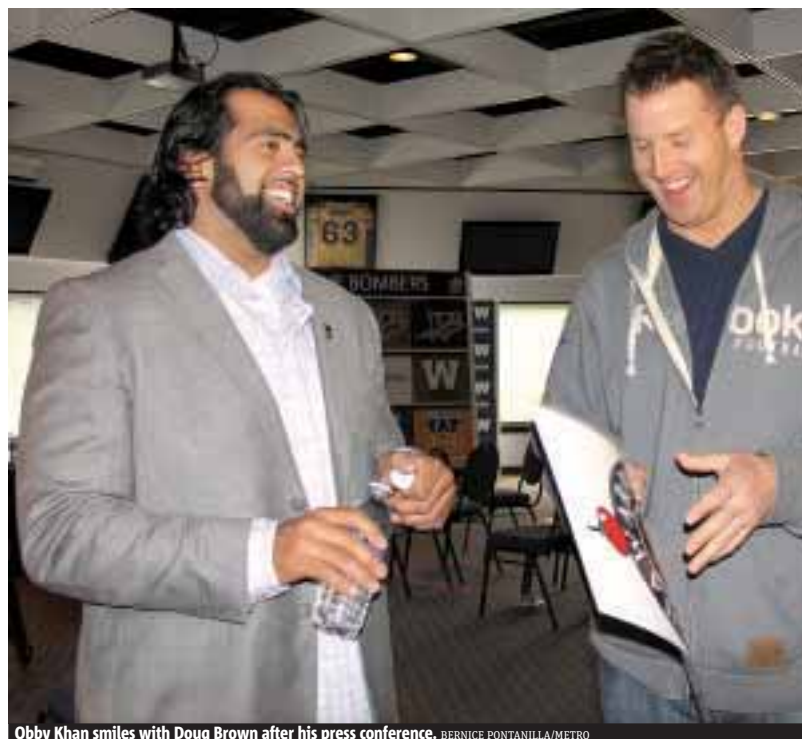
Khan's football career began eight years ago when he was the second-overall pick of the now-defunct Ottawa Renegades. When that team folded, Khan joined the Bombers.

In his 30-minute speech, Khan thanked his family, the fans and the Blue Bombers brass, which supported him through his battle with Crohn's disease back in 2007. He lost nearly 100 pounds in less than a year.

"It has been a blessed career with everything I've gone through," he said.

Retirement had been on his mind for the past four or five months, Khan said, adding that though it's the hardest decision of his life, he does feel a great sense of relief and "inner peace."

Khan said he has no plans to leave Winnipeg and will be opening up a restaurant in the downtown area towards the end of July called Shawarma Khan. Shawarma is a style of Middle Eastern cooking where meat is slowly roasted on a vertical spit, then carved and served to order. Khan plans for his



Obby Khan smiles with Doug Brown after his press conference. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

Khan battles colitis

Obby Khan's success over his eight years in the CFL are made more remarkable since he accomplished most of it while battling colitis.

According to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada (CCFC), colitis is

a form of inflammatory bowel disease that specifically affects the colon and end of the large intestine.

Khan has been battling the disease since 2004, the same year he joined the Ottawa Renegades.

In 2007, he had multiple surgeries on his intestinal tract and had to remove his entire large intestine.

Khan has been working

with CCFC for more than five years and mentors other young people who are battling the disease.

"He's living with (the disease) chronically and he shows them anything is possible. He could still live out his dream of playing football," said Shari Haydaman, regional director for CCFC.

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shawarmas to use locally grown products, including free-range chickens.

Shawarma restaurants are hugely popular in Khan's hometown of Ottawa, with locations on almost every street in the downtown area.

Khan followed in the footsteps of another popular Bomber, Doug Brown, from Simon Fraser University to Winnipeg — even retiring two months after Brown.

For his part, Brown said he has no doubt that Khan will be

successful in his new business venture.

"I think he's going to be another one of those Wade Miller-type of guys," said Brown, referring to the ex-Bomber who has built a business empire in Winnipeg.

St. James voted worst in Manitoba

The voting is done, and "Tobans have come up with the worst street in the province: St. James Street in Winnipeg.

The pockmarked and pothole-plagued street received 455 of 3,454 votes overall from Manitobans in a campaign run by CAA Manitoba to find the city's worst street.

"In the last few days of the campaign, we saw a big bump in the votes coming in — and the total number of roads

jumped from 450 to 484, too," said Liz Peters, CAA Manitoba public and government affairs manager in a press release.

"We knew people were frustrated with the state of our roads, but when this many people log on to vote, it tells us they care about more than just complaining. They care about finding a solution, too."

The top-10 list will likely be made public next week.

ELISHA DACEY/METRO



St. James Street was voted the worst in the province through a CAA contest.

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Canadian's ashes sent to South Korea for burial

Reunited in death.

Two brothers fought in Korean War, with one dying in battle in 1951 and second later dying in June 2011

Back in a country most of them saw for the first time more than half a century ago, about 50 Canadian veterans of the Korean War braved driving rains Wednesday to finally reunite a pair of brothers long since divided by the conflict.

Archibald Hearsey, born in Ignace, Ont., in 1929, had requested in his will that his ashes be returned to Korea and buried next to his older brother Joseph, who died in battle in 1951.

Their remarkable story is one of the Korean War's most powerful tales.

Hearsey died in June of last year. Wednesday's ceremony marked the first time a war veteran's remains were brought back to be buried on South Korean soil.

"They were two small-town



Korean War veterans from Canada pay their respects Tuesday during a ceremony in Busan, South Korea.

AHN YOUNG-JOON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

boys that were separated by war," said Archibald's daughter, Debbie Kakagamic, who travelled to Korea with her son Solomon to attend the burial ceremony and visit her uncle's grave.

"Now they're together again."

Joseph Hearsey was one of

516 Canadian soldiers who died during the Korean War, which lasted from June 1950 to July 1953.

Canada was one of 16 foreign countries that sent troops, and 26,791 Canadian soldiers fought.

Health problems prevented Archibald Hearsey from ever

returning to South Korea to visit his brother's grave at the UN Memorial Cemetery in Busan, where 378 Canadians are buried.

"The Hearsey brothers may now rest in peace beside their comrades," said David Chatterson, Canada's ambassador to South Korea. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Prince George, B.C. Fatal sawmill blast results in second death

A 46-year-old mill worker has been identified as the second victim of the blast that levelled the Lakeland sawmill in Prince George, B.C., on Monday night.

The coroner's service has confirmed that Prince George resident Glenn Francis Roche died in Edmonton, just hours after being transferred to that city for treatment of critical burns.

Forty-three-year-old shift supervisor Alan Little died Tuesday morning.

The men were among 11 injured when an explosion and fire tore through the mill.

Quebec tuition hikes

Talks between government, students go bust

For three days, there was a faint sign that Quebec's student unrest might find a peaceful resolution.

Any such hope was dashed Wednesday as talks

'Reality check' for forestry

The manager of a sawmill at Carrot River, Sask., says an explosion that killed two mill workers in B.C. is a "reality check."

Andy Borsa says the blast has caused re-evaluation of safety precautions.

Three victims have been airlifted to hospitals in Vancouver and Victoria, while six remain in hospital in Prince George. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

broke off between the province and Quebec's student groups.

Their three-day attempt at negotiation was a long shot, with the government refusing to back down on tuition hikes and students demanding just that.

The discussion ended as it began — with rowdy scenes in the street and no solution in sight.

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Ottawa looks to appeal court ruling on bawdy houses

Prostitution law. Federal government applies to Supreme Court for leave to appeal recent decision

Canada's three main prostitution-control laws appear destined for scrutiny by the country's highest court after the federal government announced Wednesday it wanted to appeal a decision that effectively legalized brothels.

As a result, the lawyer who successfully challenged the ruling on behalf of sex-trade workers said he had no choice but to try to appeal the ruling that also upheld the ban on street prostitution.

In response to a challenge from three sex-trade workers, Ontario's top court last month struck down the ban on bawdy houses on the basis that it increased the dangers prostitutes face because they are forced to work outside.

The five appellate justices also reworded the law against living on the avails of prosti-



Dominatrix Terri-Jean Bedford holds a whip as she leaves a news conference in Toronto in March, after Ontario's top court ruled a ban on brothels is unconstitutional. COLIN PERKEL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

tution to clarify it would only apply in cases of exploitation, because it could otherwise apply to people such as a prostitute's bodyguards, accountant or receptionist.

In its application to the Supreme Court for leave to appeal, the federal government said the Ontario Court of Appeal judgment creates a "legislative void."

It also has an impact on police and prosecutions, both inside and outside Ontario, the government brief states.

Sex-trade workers, who hailed the Ontario court ruling as a recognition of their rights and said it would enhance their safety, expressed disappointment at Ottawa's decision.

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'This thing's huge.' Fossil stumps scientists

Experts are trying to figure out what a fossil dubbed "Godzilla" used to be.

The 68-kilogram fossil recovered last year in Kentucky is more than two metres long. To the untrained eye, it looks like a bunch of rocks or a concrete blob. Experts are trying to determine whether it was an animal, mineral or a form of plant life from a time when the Cincinnati region was underwater.

Scientists at a Geological Society of America meeting viewed it Tuesday at the Dayton Convention Center in Ohio.

"We are looking for people who might have an idea of what it is," said Ben Dattilo, an assistant professor of geology at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne.

Scientists say the fossil is 450 million years old. University of Cincinnati geologist Carl Brett said it's the largest fossil ever extracted from that era in the Cincinnati region.

"This is the ultimate cold case," said Ron Fine, the Dayton, Ohio, amateur paleontologist who spotted the fossil on a hillside last year and gave it its name.

"Like Godzilla, it's a primordial beast that found its way



"Godzilla" fossil. THE CINCINNATI ENQUIRER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

to the modern era." Fine said. Now 43, Fine has been collecting fossils since age four, and said he saw part of this one on a hillside off a Kentucky highway nearly a year ago.

"Most fossils around here are small, the size of your thumbnail or your thumb," he said. "This thing's huge."

He said it could be an early form of seaweed or kelp.

"This one has us stumped," said David Meyer, another UC geology professor.

"Cincinnati was covered by a sea, 100 to 200 feet deep," Meyer said. "Primitive shellfish lived in it. But no fish."

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World Cup crash. Family blames negligence in course design for death

Stunning negligence in course design and safety features led to the "entirely avoidable" death of a Canadian skicross racer at a World Cup event in Switzerland last month, his family argued Wednesday.

In calling for a thorough, independent inquiry into the death of Nik Zoricic, his family disputed the official position that he was killed in a "freak" accident.

"The finish line was a death trap," family lawyer Tim Danson alleged.

"It is unacceptable that an elite athlete like Nik Zoricic can make a perfect landing, barely miss the finish line by one metre, and be killed for it."

Citing four reliable sources, Danson alleged that race authorities had been warned beforehand that the course was unsafe. No one did anything, he said.

"These concerns were apparently ignored," Danson said. "As a result, Nik is dead."

His father Bebe Zoricic, a veteran ski coach, said the poor design of the finish steered skiers to the right, the safety netting was of the wrong type and the mound of cement-like snow should not have been there.

The family said it had no plans for legal action provided a proper inquiry is done.

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Katrina Zoricic, sister of late skier Nik Zoricic, speaks on Wednesday. MICHELLE SIU/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Background

- In skicross, several racers hurtle down a mountain at the same time, making jumps and taking slight curves on the way.
- Zoricic, 29, had raced on the World Cup circuit for more than three years and was competing in his 36th event in Grindelwald, Switzerland.
- He was killed at the finish line of a tight three-way race.

Tori Stafford trial

Court sees video of detention-centre visits

A man whose lawyer has suggested he was nothing more than a horrified witness to the murder of Victoria Stafford at the hands of his girlfriend is seen on video with the woman a month later flexing his muscles for her and drawing her in for a long embrace.

Michael Rafferty visited Terri-Lynne McClintic twice at a detention centre, where she was taken after being arrested days after the killing on an unrelated matter.

McClintic's arrest and detention apparently did not deter Rafferty from trying to keep in near-constant communication with her, records show.

Rafferty visited McClintic there twice and surveillance video played in court Wednesday shows the two laughing and joking around.

Rafferty, 31, has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder, sexual assault causing bodily harm and kidnapping. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Random testing uncovers mad cow disease in California



Women buy beef in Seoul on Wednesday. Two major South Korean retailers have suspended the sale of U.S. beef after a dead dairy cow in California was found to have had mad cow disease. AHN YOUNG JOON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A nondescript building in the heart of California's dairy country has become the focus of intense scrutiny after mad cow disease was discovered in a dead dairy cow.

Two major South Korean retailers suspended sales of U.S. beef in response.

Tests are performed on only a small portion of dead animals brought to the transfer facility in central California.

The cow had died at one of the region's hundreds of dairies, but hadn't exhibited outward symptoms of the disease: Unsteadiness, lack of co-ordination, a drastic change in behaviour or low milk production, officials said. But when the animal arrived at the facility with a truckload of other dead cows on April 18, its 30-month-plus age and fresh corpse made it eligible for USDA testing.

"We randomly pick a number of samples throughout the year, and this just happened to be one that we randomly sampled," Baker

Commodities executive vice-president Dennis Luckey said. "It showed no signs" of disease.

The samples went to the food safety lab at the University of California, Davis on April 18. By April 19, markers indicated the cow could have bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), a disease that is fatal to cows and can cause a deadly human brain disease in people who eat tainted meat. It was sent to the USDA lab in Iowa for further testing.

Agriculture officials announced the findings Tuesday: The animal had atypical BSE.

That means it didn't get the disease from eating infected cattle feed, said John Clifford, the Agriculture Department's chief veterinary officer.

It was "just a random mutation that can happen every once in a great while in an animal," said Bruce Akey, director of the New York State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory.

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Free speech?

Girls fight expulsion over Facebook

Three eighth-graders from Indiana who say they were expelled after joking on Facebook about which of their classmates they would like to kill asked a federal judge Wednesday to order the district to allow them to return to school.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana filed a lawsuit on behalf of the three 14-year-old girls in

federal court in Hammond, claiming that Griffith Public School violated the students' free-speech rights.

The girls were suspended and later expelled in January for the remainder of the school year after a classmate's mother alerted officials at the school to the girls' Facebook posts, the lawsuit says.

The suit says school officials told the girls they had violated school policy against bullying, harassment and intimidation.

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Zoo tragedy

Elephant turns on zookeeper in N.Z.

An African elephant has killed a zookeeper caring for her at the New Zealand zoo where the animal was retired after performing in circuses for decades.

Police officers were called to the Franklin Zoo near Auckland on Wednesday afternoon after an incident between the elephant and the keeper, a New Zealand police statement

said. It said more information would not be released until the woman's family had been informed.

Wednesday was a public holiday in New Zealand, but the zoo was open, as were many tourist attractions.

Jumbo, also known as Mila, is the sole elephant at the Franklin Zoo, according to its website. The 39-year-old elephant arrived four years ago after performing in circuses for three decades. The zoo built a new enclosure for her in 2010.

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Confessed killer says diagnosis is fabricated

Trial. Breivik claims psychiatric report that found him to be insane is based on 'evil' falsehoods

Mass killer Anders Behring Breivik slammed a psychiatric report that declared him insane, insisting Wednesday it was based on "evil fabrications" meant to portray him as irrational and unintelligent.

"It is not me who is described in that report," the right-wing extremist, who has admitted to killing 77 people in a July 22 bomb-and-shooting rampage, said in court.

A second psychiatric examination found that Breivik was sane. The five-judge panel trying Breivik on terror charges for the attacks will consider both reports.

Breivik's mental state is the key issue that remains unresolved in the trial, since he has admitted to a bombing in Oslo's government district that killed eight people and a subsequent shooting massacre at a Labor Party youth camp that left 69 people dead,

A matter of sanity

If found guilty and sane, Breivik would face 21 years in prison, though he can be held longer if deemed a danger to society.

- If declared insane, he would be committed to compulsory psychiatric care.
- "To a political activist, the worst thing that can happen is to end up in a mental hospital," Breivik said. "That would delegitimize everything you stand for."

most of them teenagers. He claims the attacks were "necessary" and that the victims had betrayed Norway by embracing immigration.

Sounding irritated, the 33-year-old Norwegian accused the two psychiatrists who declared him psychotic of deciding on the diagnosis prematurely, saying their judgment was clouded by their emotional response to the attacks.

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Madeleine McCann. U.K. police say missing girl may still be alive

British police on Wednesday asked Portugal to reopen the case of Madeleine McCann, saying that as the fifth anniversary of her disappearance approaches there is a possibility she is still alive.

Police also released a new image of what McCann would likely look like today, expressing hope that she would be found even years after the then three-year-old vanished on May 3 while on a trip to Portugal with her family.

The case sparked global interest because of heartbreaking images of the girl beamed around the world and, in part, because her parents were briefly considered suspects before they were cleared.

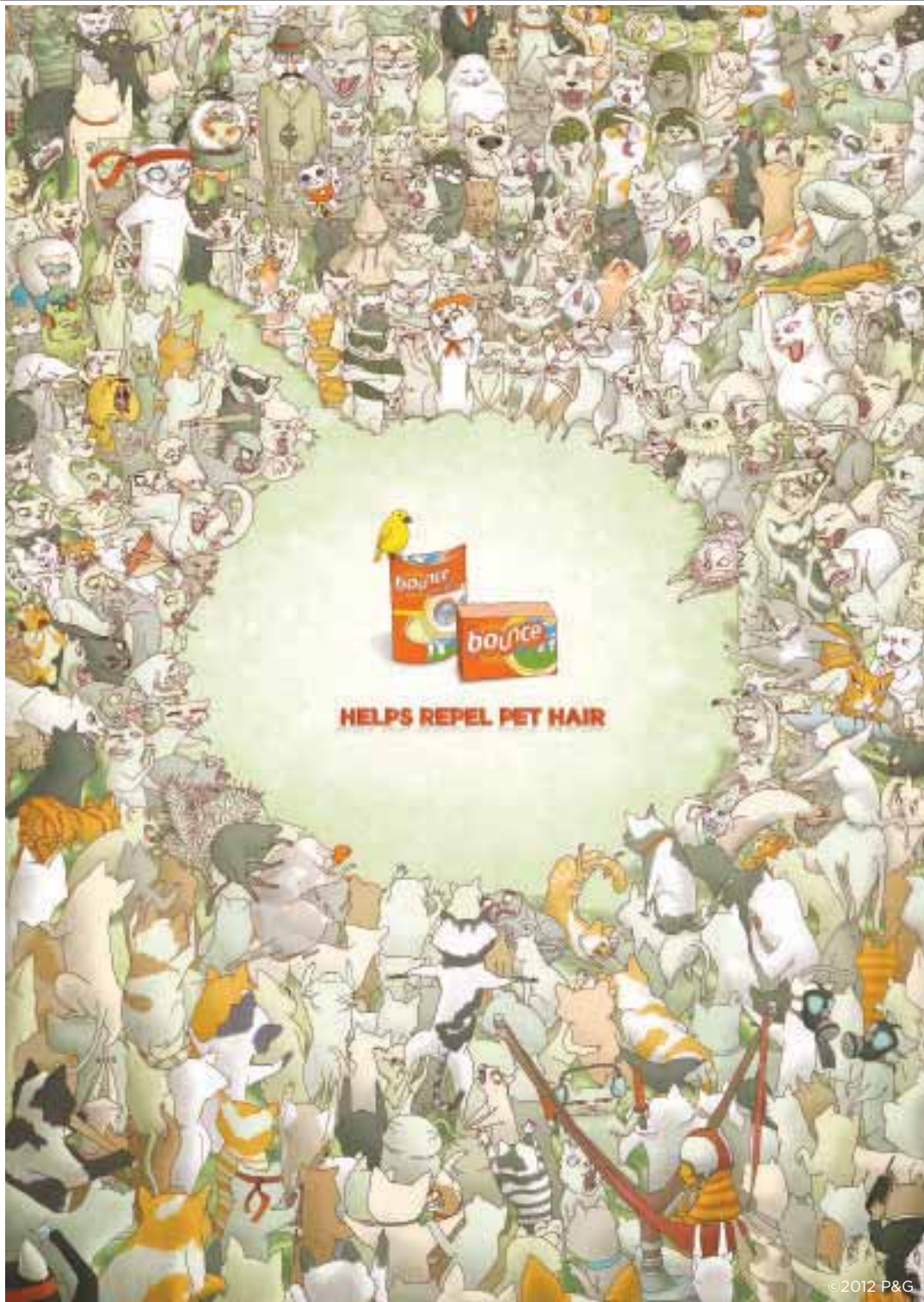
Det. Chief Insp. Andy Redwood said he is leading a team of 37 police officers reviewing some 40,000 pieces of evidence gathered so far in the case.

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Three-year-old Madeleine McCann and a computer-generated image of her at nine years old.

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Prostitution scandal. Homeland Security secretary questioned

Conflicting portraits of the Secret Service took stage Wednesday in Congress, as senators challenged Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano to reconcile the image of agents who protect the lives of America's president with the dozen officers and supervisors implicated in a humiliating prostitution scandal.

Napolitano told the Senate Judiciary Committee that the incident in Colombia involving as many as 20 women appeared to be an isolated one. She said the agency's office of professional responsibility had not received any complaints in the past two-and-a-half years. She said investigators are reviewing earlier time periods as well.

"This behaviour was not part of the Secret Service way of doing business," Napolitano testified. "We are going to make sure that standards and training, if they need to be tightened up they are tightened."

The Colombia scandal



Janet Napolitano testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington.

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has been widely denounced in Washington, but it's a delicate political matter in an election year with the presidency and congressional majorities at stake.

The White House said Wednesday that the conduct of the employees punished in the ongoing scandal was "inappropriate" and unacceptable for people representing the United States abroad.

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Show of hands for 'show me your papers'

A supporter of Arizona's "show me your papers" immigration law demonstrates in front of the Supreme Court in Washington Wednesday. Supreme Court justices strongly suggested that they are ready to allow Arizona to enforce part of a controversial state law that requires police officers to check the immigration status of people they think are in the country illegally.

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WikiLeaks

Charges stick for U.S. army private

A military judge refused on Wednesday to throw out the charges against a U.S. army private accused of providing thousands of sensitive documents to WikiLeaks in the biggest leak of government secrets in the country's history.

Army Col. Denise Lind denied the defence motion to dismiss all 22 charges during a pretrial hearing in the court-martial of Pfc. Bradley Manning.

Manning is accused of sending hundreds of thousands of sensitive documents to WikiLeaks, the anti-secrecy website run by Julian Assange.

The U.S. government says the publication of that material online aided al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula.

The defence has filed several motions seeking dismissal of individual charges, including the most serious, aiding the enemy. That offence carries a maximum penalty of life imprisonment.

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Like their counterparts in the comic-book world, Real-Life Superheroes need villains. Real-Life Super Villains were created four years ago to help ensure superheroes stay moral. 'Villains' don't have death lasers or plans to rule the world. They take upon themselves the duty of demanding accountability of those who would call themselves 'super'

Villains gladly put hose to heroes

NADIA FEZZANI AND
THE GOLDEN DON
For Metro Canada

The interaction the Real-Life Super Villains have with the Real-Life Superheroes is mainly online.

Although it is known to happen, very rarely do RLSVs actually meet RLSHs in person.

For better or worse, the Internet is the medium. Approval, information-sharing, networking, collaboration and conflicts are played out on Facebook, YouTube and various message boards and forums.

Much like heroes, each villain operates differently. Some Real-Life Super Vil-

lains openly, sometimes cruelly, in posts and comments to demand response from heroes whose behaviour they find lacking.

Some mock by producing media designed to spoof and draw attention to the hero's shortcomings.

Targeting the 'capes'

"The reason I target certain 'capes,' as we call them, is that I don't believe that they are acting very heroic. If they are bigots or otherwise set a bad example for the community and/or the children who they are supposed to be protecting, it puts them right in my crosshairs. Heroes have no room for hate speech or supporting things such as crimes against women.

My goals have somewhat changed. I do not attack everyone who calls themselves a superhero ... just the ones who deserve it. There are those out there who I believe are genuine in what they are trying to do and truly wish to help people. I generally leave those people alone — and have actually become friends with some of them.

I will be honest: The costume makes things a lot more fun and theatrical for both sides. I mean, who wants to fight a 'hero' or 'villain' in a T-shirt and blue jeans? Come on — they get to wear costumes, then so do we!" Super villain Zyklon B

Villainy in disguise



The Golden Don
NADIA FEZZANI/FOR METRO

Keepers of the golden rule or cyber-bullies?

In many ways, Real Life Superheroes and Real Life Super Villains are more similar than they would want to admit. Many in both camps love comic books, and contribute to causes they believe in.

However, there are fundamental differences.

The greatest: RLSH go

out and interact with their community in one way or another.

Villains, on the other hand, operate on the Internet.

Real Life Superheroes often criticize their nemeses by saying they waste their time in their "mothers' basements" nay-saying the RLSH world rather than making a real difference.

Many RLSH feel that the RLSV are simply costumed cyber-bullies.

NADIA FEZZANI/FOR METRO CANADA



Kaptain Blackheart NADIA FEZZANI/FOR METRO

Phoenix Jones: Masked

It was just like a scene from a movie the day Real Life Superhero Phoenix Jones' assault charges were dropped.

As more than a dozen journalists and photographers crowded around him, the 23-year-old Seattleite took off his black and gold mask for the first time in public.

For two years, he had been known for fighting crime. That day he told the world, "I'm Phoenix Jones. I'm also Ben Fodor. I also protect the city, I also am a father, I also am a brother. I'm just like everyone else."



Phoenix Jones NADIA FEZZANI/FOR METRO

Some call them Real Life Superheroes. Others refer to them as crime fighters or crime-prevention patrollers. Phoenix Jones and his team, the "Rain City Superhero Movement," call themselves a crime-prevention brigade.

For the past two years, they have been arresting carjackers, attackers and people threatening others with guns in the troubled areas of Seattle.

Equipped with bullet-proof vests, stab plating, pepper spray, Tasers and a first-aid kit, members of the 10-person

team risk their lives to protect the lives of others. Even with protective equipment, the job is dangerous: Jones has been shot once and stabbed twice.

Jones is a six-foot-tall, 185-pound mixed-martial-arts champion who calls on lessons learned in his tough childhood to build his strong character.

Born to criminal parents who stole and sold narcotics, Jones — or Ben — was the middle child in a family of five. He was the only one who was sent to live in an orphanage until the age of five. "I guess it

Meet the super villains



hero exposed



phanage but he wasn't like the others. Even though his mother was in prison, he had a parent.

Jones was adopted at nine years old, but had to spend half the time with his new family and half the time at the orphanage. At 11 he moved to his new home permanently and settled into a new school, where Jones starting training in martial arts. By 14, he was already a black belt.

After high school, he trained to work with autistic children, his passion for five years.

In October 2011, Jones was charged with assault when he broke up a fight using pepper spray. His costume was taken and his identity was revealed as public record. Even though the charges were dropped, the authorities kept his uniform for weeks.

Jones chose to embrace his circumstances, even though he lost his job and licence to work with the autistic because of the assault accusations. He faced the public bravely. Now, with a little less mystery, he continues to patrol, protect and inspire the citizens of Seattle.

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was just luck of the draw. Just flip a coin," he recalls.

During that period of time, his mother got busted for selling drugs out of her baby carriage. When he was five, the system returned Jones to live with his father and siblings.

Two years later, life took a dramatic turn. While Jones was waiting in the car for his father to come back from running errands, he heard gunshots. His father had attempted to rob a convenience store and was killed.

Jones was placed in an or-

Zyklon B

A prominent member of R.O.A.C.H., a villain group, Zyklon B took on a controversial name to match his approach to his criticism of heroes as a whole. He uses inflammatory comments that are designed to straddle the line of propriety, especially with new or unproven RLSH. "The bad guys are really the good guys. And the heroes are the villains," says Zyklon B.



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The Roaming EYE of DOOM

A comedic group of what some call "Metavillains," these fiction-based villains are led by Octavius Fong, an evil puppet. The EYE has included those like Kaptain Blackheart, the Baroness, Agent Orange and others. The goal is to hold a "fun-house mirror" to the RLSH community by producing humorous videos, web-cast radio programming and online

personas. The Baroness has also exposed false RLSH whose goal was to send explicit messages to females in the online community. They try to maintain a high standard of ethics, if only to keep the higher ground.



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Lord Malignance

Perhaps the most disciplined practitioner of "Metavillainy," he speaks of himself in third person as "One." His portrayal of this persona has led to the creation of a textured fictional existence that includes a headquarters he has built in his home. His goal is to inspire critical thinking through absurdity and imagination. "Superheroes are trapped in a group self-delusion of their own making. Whenever the truth appears, they run from it like kryptonite," says Lord Malignance.



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Caligula Caesar

Caligula Caesar selected his name to embody the greed and thirst for power that his historical namesake so villainously displayed. Based out of Brooklyn, he calls his neighbourhood the New R.O.M.E. (Reign Over My Enemies).

He got into villainy eight months ago, when he heard of local superheroes making what he considered to be preposterous claims about contributing to decreasing crime in his part of town. Today, he

manages a forum where heroes and villains can debate, settle their differences and air their grievances without it being visible to fans and supporters.

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- **Exclusive video interview: Phoenix Jones and Purple Reign with Pure Evil.** Until recently, Real Life Superheroes Phoenix Jones and Purple Reign have refused to communicate with Real Life Super Villains. Exclusively, they have accepted the invitation for an interview from the Golden Don and Kaptain Blackheart, the only "Metavillains" to be accepted by Jones.



Code of ethics



community. As the Silver Sentinel, I'm a mentor and friend to heroes around the world, offering advice and directing new people to training resources in their local communities." Superhero Silver Sentinel

"A code of ethics is necessary if the community is to work toward a common goal. Because there are a growing number of superheroes, it's necessary that we all understand and trust one another. It's also important for the general public to know what we stand for, so that they, in turn, feel comfortable working with us. In my everyday life I'm a security professional, so I bring that background into the RLSH

Watchdog. Fiscal restraint to cost 100K jobs: Report

Government spending restraint and cuts will lead to balanced budgets but also slower economic growth and 100,000 lost jobs, Canada's budget watchdog said Wednesday.

Parliamentary Budget Officer Kevin Page's latest economic and fiscal report is surprising in that it agrees with the Harper government that the budget will be balanced in 2015-16 — maybe even a year earlier.

Fiscal drag

"The real question is, how strong is the private sector going to be?"

Craig Alexander, TD Bank

But it says fiscal soundness carries a heavy price, with Ottawa taking \$52 billion out of the economy and the provinces adding another \$9 billion in drag.

"The PBO expects that restraint and reductions in government spending on programs in Canada will act as a drag on economic growth and job creation, pushing the economy further away from its potential (gross domestic product) and delaying the economic recovery," the report states.

The report was posted on the PBO website Wednesday ahead of Page's testimony before the Commons finance committee on Thursday.

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Market Minute

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Former workers accuse ACE Aviation of betrayal



Laid-off Aveos employees protest outside the annual meeting of ACE Aviation, ex-parent company of Air Canada, at the Museum of Fine Arts in Montreal on Wednesday. RYAN REMIOWZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Lost jobs. Air Canada's former parent company splitting spoils and abandoning workers: Protesters

Air Canada's former parent company was accused Wednesday of betraying workers by distributing millions of dollars among its shareholders as it winds down operations.

Hundreds of protesters blocked a downtown Montreal street where shareholders at ACE Aviation's annual meeting approved the plan to dissolve the holding company after less than 10 years of operation.

"They are going to distribute \$350 million that belongs to

us," Jean Poirier, vice-president of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, said on the steps of the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts.

While Air Canada struggles under the weight of more than \$4.3 billion of debt and hefty pension obligations, ACE shareholders will split the spoils of selling its various divisions.

ACE barred reporters from its annual meeting. In a statement, it confirmed that shareholders approved the wind up of the company and plans to distribute between \$250 million and \$300 million in the coming weeks.

"The final distribution to shareholders will not occur earlier than mid-year 2013 in order to allow that any remaining contingent liabilities be settled or otherwise provided for," it said in the statement.

The protesters accused the Harper Conservatives of being in a conspiracy with Air Canada by not enforcing a law critics say requires heavy maintenance work to be done in Canada.

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Vented anger

"They are responsible for the nightmare we are living right now."

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HE SAYS...
John Mazerolle
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Anyone else find it weird that the outrage over a \$16 orange juice and \$25-billion fighter jets is roughly the same?

I understand, though.

It's difficult to wrap one's

head around the Conservatives' \$10-billion discrepancy between stated and actual fighter-jet costs — because the average Joe rarely finds \$10 billion in the couch cushions. It's such a big boondoggle there's no easy way to comprehend it.

On the other hand, we've all had \$16 and we've all had orange juice.

So when we learn that Conservative MP Bev Oda had a taxpayer-funded \$16 glass of juice at a super-posh London hotel — *because the first five-star hotel wasn't good enough for her* — we "get it" and go from zero to face-palm in 2.9 seconds.

People have been accusing Oda of having champagne tastes, but at least if the juice had been mixed with champagne we'd have understood.

The \$10-billion dishonesty is bad, sure, but \$16 orange juice, well, that offends our sensibilities.

This would explain why, when reimbursing the taxpayers for part of her costs, Oda left a wholly unnecessary \$1,000-plus limousine on the taxpayers' bill, but made sure the orange juice was taken care of. She wouldn't want to look bad.

The only good news was that the relative clarity of Oda's OJ scandal makes the Conservatives' mishandling of the F-35 file that much clearer.

In both cases, the Conservatives criticized the opposition for doing their jobs. Oda called her questioners "extremist," which makes one hope she never becomes foreign minister.

In both cases, they said (essentially), "There is no scandal here, because once we got caught, we fixed it," which explains why they're the nation's leading experts on unreported crime.

And in both cases, they claimed to have followed all existing procedures. In the case of the F-35s, Defence Minister Peter MacKay said the \$10 billion came down to "accounting differences," which is like blaming a car accident on "differences in direction."

The only real difference between the two scandals is that the Conservatives apologized for the orange juice.

But if you're still finding it hard to grasp the F-35 screw-up, then maybe this last comparison will help: \$25 billion could buy Oda 1,562,500,000 glasses of Tropicana. That's enough juice to make anyone's stomach turn.

Supplemental discipline

I'm Brendan Shanahan, Canada's director of taxpayer safety.

- In February 2011, in London, England, an incident occurred during a conference on the immunization of children in poor countries. In the opening minutes, International Co-operation Minister Bev Oda delivered an unnecessary cheque for \$665 to stay at a posh hotel. This is overcharging.
- As the documents show, Oda had the five-star Grange St. Paul's lined up for what should be a clean, honest cheque. However, she launched herself over two kilometres into another all-star. This is a violation of the overcharging rule, which states: "A minor or major

scandal shall be imposed on an MP who decides a five-star hotel is for cheapskates."

- It should be noted that the Conservatives did not change their fiscally conservative position either during, or immediately prior to, the cheque.
- While we accept Oda's assertion that she did not intend to hurt her electoral chances, the moment she left the first hotel, she became responsible for causing numerous Canadians' heads to explode.
- Canada's Department of Taxpayer Safety has decided to suspend Bev Oda, but I have no real power so I'm not going to do anything. Just like my old job.

The Ants go marching in



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Beijing

Auto show links new technology

Dancers perform beside the Chery @Ant concept vehicle during the 2012 Beijing International Automotive Exhibition at China International Exhibition Center on Wednesday in Beijing. More than 2,000 automotive enterprises from 14 countries and regions are participating in the massive auto show from April 23 to May 2.

GETTY IMAGES

Going green

China's dream of electric cars elusive

China's leaders are finding it's a lot tougher to create a world-beating electric-car industry than they had hoped.

In 2009, they pledged billions of dollars for research and called for annual sales of 500,000 cars by 2015.

Today, Beijing is scaling back its ambitions, chastened by technological hurdles.

The government has hedged its bets by broadening the industry's official goals to include cleaner gasoline engines. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Quoted

"It's expensive in China at the moment because of import duties, and we don't qualify for incentives.... But we still think it's important that we demonstrate its capabilities here in China."

Kevin Wale, president of GM China

Electric capabilities

300 km

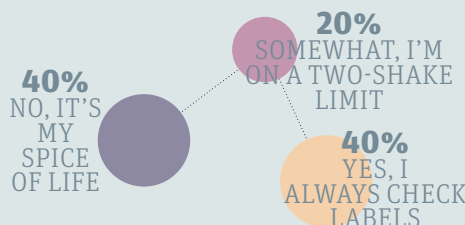
China's most advanced developer, BYD Co. (in which American investor Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway Corp. owns a 10 per cent stake), says its electric e6 sedan can travel 300 kilometres on a charge, similar to Western models.

BYD has sold 300 taxis and 200 electric buses used in the southern city of Shenzhen, a centre for business and technology near Hong Kong, according to Henry Li, general manager of its export division. BYD has invested heavily in research and has thousands of engineers working on battery and motor technology.



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@Willowskylor:

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phant and Castle Downtown. Then go comic-book shopping. Where we end up, who knows. It's Winnipeg.

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Lost a kidney on #stjames street once! Worst street in #winnipeg

@WinnipegFatArse:

#wpgcouncil Councillor Havixbeck argues a Water Park would make Downtown safer. Following her logic, so would a Walmart! #Winnipeg

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SCENE

Scene in brief

Jack White
wrangled
for Lone
Ranger

Walt Disney Pictures has wrangled Jack White to compose the score for *The Lone Ranger*. The studio announced Tuesday that the Grammy-winning rocker will write, produce and perform the score for director Gore Verbinski's upcoming adaptation of *The Lone Ranger*. The *Lone Ranger* will mark The White Stripes frontman's first time scoring a feature film. The film stars Johnny Depp as Tonto and Armie Hammer as John Reid. It is set to debut May 31, 2013.

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Sarajevo
adopts Jolie
as one of
their own

Bosnia's capital, Sarajevo, has named Angelina Jolie its honorary citizen. A statement issued by city's authorities Wednesday said it made the decision in recognition of Jolie's role in preserving the "truth about the war" in Bosnia, through her directorial debut in *The Land of Blood and Honey*.

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On the web



From playing a good guy or bad, TV to theatre, Topher Grace enjoys a varied acting career

Local indie label celebrates a decade of rocking out

Transistor 66. Miesha and the Spanks headline Saturday-night show for anniversary weekend



BACKSTAGE
PASS
Jared Story
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Local label Transistor 66 celebrates a decade of rock 'n' roll releases with a trio of live birthday shows.

The T66 Rock 'n' Roll Weekender starts tonight at Club 60 and continues at The Park Theatre Friday and Saturday.

Night One is highlighted by local rockers The Vibrating Beds, Friday is headlined by Bloodshot Bill and Miesha and the Spanks cap off the birthday bash on Saturday.

The latter, a Calgary rock duo, has had some bad Winnipeg luck of late. Their last show here was moved to a smaller venue because of a water-main break at the Royal Albert Arms and a blizzard prevented its previous 'Peg City gig.

"This show is definitely happening," says singer/guitarist Miesha Louie.

"We're getting there a night early to play on CKUW, so there's room for error if something goes crazy wrong."

Still, sometimes everything goes right. Miesha and the Spanks' last tour was opening for CanRock legends C'mon.

"That was our favourite touring experience," Louie says.

"I've looked up to Ian (Blurton, C'mon frontman) for a long time. We're both

huge C'mon fans, so getting to be on their farewell tour was just unreal. Their crowds are crazy and so huge and we got to play to them."

Speaking of crazy, Montreal rockabilly musician and one-man band Bloodshot Bill wears pyjamas onstage, has his own brand of pomade (Bloodshot Bill's Nice 'N' Greasy) and, until recently, he was banned in the United States.

Keeping it silly, his new seven-inch *Out The Door* features a track titled *Dé-gueu Burger*.

"There's this bowling alley out in the South Shore of Montreal called 300 Au Max and they introduced a new burger called Le Dé-gueu Burger, which means 'the disgusting burger'," Bloodshot says.

"They asked me to be the Colonel Sanders of the burger and help them get the word out, so I made a song for it."

He also made a video (just search for Bloodshot Bill on vimeo.com), which features Bloodshot doing his best Jughead Jones.

"Usually when you're eating on film, you're supposed to spit the food out between takes, but I ate everything," Bloodshot says. "It was really disgusting, actually. I don't think you're supposed to eat 10 burgers."

Tickets for tonight's T66 show are \$5 at the door. Tickets for Friday and Saturday's show are \$10 at Music Trader, Into the Music and The Park Theatre or \$15 at the door.

Showtimes are 10 p.m., 9 p.m. and 9 p.m. respectively.

Go to transistor66.com for full band listings and venue information.



Calgary rock duo Miesha and the Spanks play The Park Theatre this Saturday in celebration of Winnipeg record label Transistor 66. KENNETH LOCKE

Lights, camera, action — 30 Rock live

Thursday Night Live. Faced with a dropping audience, comedy tries to offer viewers something unique

In a move to inject new life into its kookiness, 30 Rock is going live this week.

It will be the second such outing for the NBC comedy, which is normally a polished, single-camera filmed affair. It went live for a night in Octo-

ber 2010 with an episode performed during the show's normal time slot, then re-staged for West Coast viewers.

The same plan will be followed this Thursday: Originating from NBC's Studio 8H (fabled home of Saturday Night Live), 30 Rock will air live for viewers in the Eastern and Central time zones at 8:30 p.m. EDT, then be reprised at 8:30 PDT for the rest of viewers.

The theme of the episode plays into the idea of Live vs. Filmed. The Kabletown corporate bosses announce they will

no longer pay for live production of TGS (the fictitious show-within-a-show produced by Liz Lemon, played by 30 Rock star Tina Fey).

30 Rock could use a little excitement. Although highly acclaimed and richly awarded during its six seasons, it has begun to lose the comic edge that set it apart. And, while never a ratings juggernaut, it has seen its audience further soften this season (just 3 million viewers tuned in last week).

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Alec Baldwin and Tina Fey are tasked with injecting some excitement back into 30 Rock. HANDOUT



The Hobbit film hasn't even been completed yet but is already facing criticism. HANDOUT

Will Peter Jackson's Hobbit get panned before it even opens?

Sneak peek at new shooting style confounds some critics. What does this mean for the future of film?

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CinemaCon attendees got a first look at 10-minutes of footage of Peter Jackson's upcoming the Hobbit: an Unexpected Journey, due in theatres this December.

But the main curiosity over the new film — the first of two based on J.R.R. Tolkien's book — wasn't so much the film itself, but how it was shot: Jackson filmed the Hobbit at 48 frames per second, double the normal speed of film. Jackson, via a video introduction, maintained that the higher frame rate creates a smoother image for the viewer.

"The movement feels

Future of film

"The film is far from finished, of course, as some of the footage included green screens where scenery will be digitally added. That also means Jackson has time to tweak the look of the film. But the question remains: No matter how it's refined, will this "future of film" ... be embraced by general audiences?

more real," Jackson said. "It's much more gentle on the eyes."

But viewers at the convention — mostly cinema owners and press — weren't convinced, and film bloggers were fast and furious with their criticism.

"The movement of the ac-

tors looked... strange. Almost as if the performances had been partly sped up," said Slashfilm's Peter Sciretta. "It didn't look cinematic."

And Devin Faraci of Badass Digest offered, "Here's what The Hobbit looked like to me: a hi-def version of the 1970s I, Claudius. It is drenched in a TV-like — specifically '70s-era BBC — video look. People on Twitter have asked if it has that soap-opera look you get from badly calibrated TVs at Best Buy, and the answer is an emphatic YES."

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But the question remains: No matter how it's refined, will this "future of film" — as Jackson, James Cameron and others have asserted — be embraced by general audiences?

Judging by reactions coming out of Las Vegas, no.

3D technology is changing our world. Two things that are set to blow up

There are few technologies that are set to change the world the way 3D is positioned to.

These two are on the forefront of this emerging new trend.

3D televisions

Televisions that can display 3D images are already on the market, and some companies have started marketing 3D projectors for the home theater market and that's not just it.

Combine that with immer-

sive video game systems like the Xbox Kinect, which uses the player's body movements as a guide instead of a controller, and "going into the game" suddenly seems like more than a sales pitch.

3D printing

In what's expected to be possibly the biggest technological advancement of the decade — and multibillion-dollar industry in just a few years — 3D printing is already making real life feel like science fiction and re-

defining what it means to "print" something.

The technology is already in use to transform digital data into solid objects like jewelry prototypes, architecture models, replacement bones and joints and corrective dental products.

The biggest potential application of the technology, though, is using chemical compound packages that could someday enable patients to print out their medications at home.

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Twitter

Reactions to the Hobbit footage lit up the social media site.

@AlexBuono

Not surprised that many at CinemaCon found 48fps HOBBIT footage "un-cinematic". 4K/48fps/3D = too much realism = no suspension of disbelief.

and how good/bad it looks. I just think we need to get used to change after 80yr of 24FPS.

@devincf

Listening to Cinemacon people - theater owners - this 48fps demo sold NOBODY.

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I wonder what Twitter would have said about sound when it was introduced to talking pictures. #Hobbit #48fps

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Beyoncé named World's Most Beautiful Woman

Beyoncé's beauty secret? Having a baby.

"I feel more beautiful than I've ever felt because I've given birth," the singer tells *People* magazine, which named her the 2012 World's Most Beautiful Woman.

"I have never felt so connected, never felt like I had such a purpose on this earth," Beyoncé and husband Jay-Z welcomed daughter Blue Ivy Carter three months ago.

"The best thing about having a daughter is having a true legacy," Beyoncé adds. "The word 'love' means something completely different now."



Bieber pens song about paternity scandal

Justin Bieber is making the most of his paternity scandal last year.

"(I've written) a song about that whole situation with that girl who said she's having my baby — Mariah Yeater," Bieber says, according to AOL, adding that the track is "about every-

thing I've gone through." Yeater claimed that she had a sexual encounter with Bieber at a concert in L.A. when she was 19 and the Canadian pop star was 16, leading to her pregnancy.

Bieber later took a DNA test to disprove her claims.

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The Word

Chris Brown breeding, selling pit bull puppies



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Chris Brown and his family are selling pit bull puppies online — for \$1,000 a pop.

The media was tipped off to the pop star's new business venture by his mother, who tweeted a link to the dog-selling site, along with a picture of Brown cuddling one of the puppies. A rep for the singer confirmed to The Associated Press on Tuesday that Brown and his family are indeed selling the 2-month-old pit bulls online.

The publicist's spin on the high price tag is that Brown, whom she defines as "an animal lover," "wants to make sure the dogs go to a good home."

Look, dog breeding is one thing. But breeding pit bulls? That's especially irresponsible. According to recent stats from the Humane Society of the United States, 70 per cent of dogs housed and euthanized in urban animal shelter systems are pit bulls. An even more depressing statistic from the Los Angeles Humane Society says that around 200 pit bulls in L.A. alone are



euthanized every day due to over-breeding and lack of adoption opportunities.

The point being: Shelters are overrun with the breed, and thousands upon thousands are killed every year because no one will adopt them. And yet, Brown is selling each puppy for \$1,000? Gross.

I'm channelling my inner Bob Barker when I say: I'm pretty sure the way for Brown to show that he's a true "animal lover" is to make sure his pets are spayed and neutered — and not to breed and then sell them on a website. Especially when, come on — does he really need the money?



Mila Kunis ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Ashton and Mila continue to feed rumour mill

Ashton Kutcher and Mila Kunis may have denied last week's reports that they've become more than just friends, but their recent activities aren't doing much to help that assertion.

The two reportedly shared a weekend getaway up the California coast, according to *People* magazine.

Witnesses spotted Kutcher and Kunis headed to Carpinteria, Calif., where they grabbed lunch and some fresh fruit Friday —

and didn't surface again until Sunday morning. A source close to Kutcher says something like this has been in the cards since their *That '70s Show* days.

"He was so in love with her for a while when they worked together," says the source. "He thought she was a goddess, was always talking about how beautiful she is. But she was with Macaulay (Culkin) for a lot of that time and also just generally gave off a not-interested vibe."

Ozzy is a grandfather

Jack Osbourne and his fiancée, Lisa Stelly, are the proud parents of a newborn baby girl, welcoming daughter Pearl on Tuesday, his rep

confirms to *People* magazine. It's the first grandchild for Ozzy and Sharon Osbourne. Sharon previously announced her intentions of spoiling the new addition. "I'm going to be the grandmother from hell, because I am going to spoil this baby so bad," she told *People* earlier this year. "My son and Lisa are going to be like, 'Get her out of here!'"



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Vivienne Westwood: 'I prefer freedom fighter'

Sustainable style. In Westwood's world, it's not about Earth Day. She'd rather you celebrate Earth Year instead. We discuss.

KENYA HUNT
Metro World News in London

When did you first become conscious of the environment and our impact on it?

For a couple of decades I've been really upset about the problem of climate change, and I couldn't bear the idea that we're still cutting down the rainforests. I just couldn't believe that the statistics were getting worse, not better. And then I read an inter-

view with James Lovelock. He is a genius, the scientist who launched the 'Gaia' Theory.

Gaia is the name the Greeks gave to the earth goddess. James Lovelock thinks we are too late to stop climate change and that by the end of this century there will be only 1 billion people left. Fortunately! The consensus among almost all scientists is that we have now only up to 2020 to do something — eight more years.

And it's important for Americans to know that the [people who deny that climate change exists] are few but they are well-funded and well-publicized.

Do you consider yourself an environmental activist?

A name I prefer is 'freedom fighter.' I've got a voice because I've got a lot of credibil-

ity as a fashion designer. So I have been using my fashion for the last five or so years as a medium.

I use slogans and graphics in lots of my designs. I also give my fashion shows titles related to saving the planet or climate change, like Plus Five Degrees. Plus five degrees is uninhabitable, it looks good on a T-shirt and promotes awareness.

What would you say to people who view your fighting to save the planet and reduce consumption from the helm of a global fashion empire as being contradictory?

My aim is quality, not quantity. Timeless clothes that last, for people who make choices and don't just consume. For people who can't afford my clothes, I hope to

provide a standard of good design, which will help them to choose clothes that will suit them.

What are some changes that you've made in your own life to live in a more sustainable, ecologically-minded way?

I ride a bicycle for convenience and I'm a person who doesn't like to waste things. I never waste food, for example. I was brought up after the war, so I'm used to not wasting.

I also don't eat meat. I'm a very privileged person, living in this part of the world, so I can make choices and my preferred food really is just fruit and vegetables. You don't need other food. This is optimum health. Once you get into it, nothing else tastes so good.

Safe spending

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Vivienne Westwood's tips for living sustainably:

- **Buy less.** "Buy less, choose well and make it last. I really do think that people should exercise choice and not just consume without thought — sucking up stuff all the time, one thing after another."
- **Experience art.** "Go to the art galleries. The art lover is not consuming. He invests in the present world by engaging with the genius of the past. 'You get out what you put in,' is my motto."
- **Read.** "Read. The best fashion accessory is a book."
- **Get cooking.** "Buying and preparing your own food is to engage with the world. It gives you a sense of reality."
- **D.I.Y.** "As in, wear a piece of beautiful fabric, borrow stuff from your friends and style it in with your own clothes."

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Style file

Narciso Rodriguez honoured

Fashion designer Narciso Rodriguez has always referenced the world of art: Modern paintings are one of his many sources of inspiration.

It seems fitting, then, that El Museo del Barrio will honour the designer of Cuban descent next month during its annual gala. In its announcement, El Museo said that Rodriguez is considered one of the 25 most influential Hispanics in America.

"It's a great compliment. I don't know if it is necessarily true, but it is a great compliment. I like to think that I have given back to the community," Rodriguez said during an AP interview.

Rodriguez said he has been connected to the museum, which promotes Latino, Caribbean and Latin American art, for many years. It also offers youth programs to provide young people access to education. "I am always so proud of what they have done for the community — for New York, for Latinos and beyond the Latino world, for so many privileged children, families — with outreach programs," he said.

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On the Web



Montreal Fashion Week finds a new home at contemporary art complex

Transport yourself to Thailand with exotic flavours & strong fragrances

It's red, but it isn't red hot. And that's why red-curry paste is the sort of curry the average Canadian is going to love.

Curry pastes — which are used in Thai, Indonesian, Malaysian and Indian cooking — combine dry spices with ground fresh herbs and roots, garlic, chilies and other ingredients to form thick pastes. These often are classified by colour.

Green-curry paste, for example, is a fiery Thai blend that combines green chilies, lemon grass, garlic, shrimp paste and kaffir lime leaves. It usually is blended with coconut milk to season beef, pork and chicken.

Yellow-curry paste is a bit milder and usually sports garlic, lemon grass, galangal, cumin, cinnamon and turmeric. It's popular for adding to soups.

But the most versatile and widely used is red-curry paste, a mash of red chilies, coriander roots and leaves, shrimp paste, lemon grass, garlic, shallots and galangal.

It's got some kick, but it won't sear your mouth. It's used with everything from chicken, duck and beef to pork and shrimp. And it lands in everything from stews, curries and soups to dressings, marinades and condiments.

Conveniently, red-curry paste also is the easiest variety to find at the local grocer. It usually is packed in small glass jars or cans and can be found in the Asian section. Once opened, the remainder can be refrigerated for months.

Here, it's used to make Red Curry Chicken Noodles.

1. Bring a large saucepan of salted water to a boil. Add the fettuccine pasta and cook according to package directions. Drain and set aside.

Ingredients

- 12-oz package fresh fettuccine pasta
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 large yellow onion, diced
- 1 red bell pepper, cored and diced
- 14-oz can coconut milk
- 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 tbsp

Red-Curry Chicken Noodles



This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

2. Meanwhile, in a large sauté pan over medium-high, heat the olive oil. Add the onion and bell pepper, then sauté until tender, about 10 minutes. Add the coconut milk and red curry paste. Stir until the curry paste and coconut milk are smooth, then bring to a simmer.

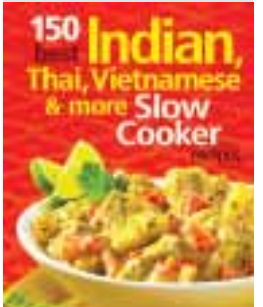
3. Chop or pull the chicken meat into bite-size chunks, then add to the coconut milk mixture. Toss well to coat evenly. If the meat is cold, return to a simmer. Stir in the cilantro.

4. Serve the fettuccine pasta topped with the chicken. Alternatively, add the drained pasta to the pan with the chicken and toss to mix. Just before serving, squeeze a bit of lime juice over each plate.

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Cookbook of the Week

150 Best Indian, Thai, Vietnamese & More Slow Cooker Recipes



Slow cookers and curries go together. That's the idea behind Sunil Vijayakar's latest book. The release boasts recipes with ingredients you'll easily find at your local grocer. There are also creative twists on accompaniments along with slow cooker know-how such as preparing various types of food for the slow cooker.

Among the recipes are Bangkok Sour Pork Curry, Sticky Jasmine Rice and more. **METRO**

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Kenwood Cooking Chef

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Tips. Ask plenty of questions and write down answers when buying your first home

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Given that buying a home is the largest financial transaction most of us ever make, it's no surprise that it can be a complicated undertaking.

Before you start shopping, make sure to do your research. Set aside lots of time to consult with experts such as bankers and mortgage brokers, real estate agents and lawyers.

Ask plenty of questions and write down the answers you receive. That way, you will have the information you need to make the right decision.

How much house can I afford?

Buying a first house is definitely a reality check. Before you start considering neighbourhoods and looking at homes, it's crucial to establish a price range. You will need a minimum down payment of five per cent of the house's purchase price (on a \$400,000 home, that's \$20,000). The general rule is: The more money you put

down, the less you will have to spend on mortgage and insurance payments.

Start by making a budget

Calculate how much you currently spend each month on everything: Rent, food, insurance, loan payments, taxes, travel and entertainment.

Make a list of your assets (savings, vehicles, property), as well as your current and projected salary. Then make a few appointments with bankers and mortgage brokers; they will help you figure out an affordable price range. Pay close attention to interest rates; a difference of only a quarter point (e.g. three per cent versus 3.25 per cent) can quickly add up to thousands of dollars.

If you have been wise enough to invest in a registered retirement savings plan (RRSP), consider the federal government's Home Buyers' Plan. Under the plan, you may withdraw up to \$25,000 from an RRSP to invest in your first home. There is no tax penalty if you pay the money back within 15 years.



Buying a first house can be a reality check, but by following some basic guidelines it may make the process less complicated. MONKEY BUSINESS/THINKSTOCK

House shopping

When it comes to house shopping, research is your best friend. Start with you and your partner: where would you like to live? If you commute, how far are you willing

to live from your workplace? What home features are most important to you (garage, yard, home office, ensuite bathroom)? Can you handle house repairs and renovations? Be honest: For most

couples, buying a home is a stressful experience.

Once you have an idea of what you are looking for, decide whether to shop on your own or with a real estate agent. A good agent will save

you much time and effort; if you choose to work on your own, you will have to handle dozens of extra details, such as preparing legal offers to purchase.

Happy house hunting!

Mortgages. What you need to know when applying for one

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To say that buying a first home can be overwhelming is an understatement. The process comes with a language all its own, mostly around mortgages: Pre-qualification; amortization; fixed, variable, open and closed options; credit-score calculations.

"Working with a trusted mortgage professional can

help simplify the process," says Mary Ann Krahulic, the Calgary-based manager of business development for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC).

Before you sign on the dotted line, make sure you have done the following:

Saved enough for a down payment. The minimum down payment is currently five per cent of a home's value; if your dream house

is \$350,000, you will need at least \$17,500. Put more than 20 per cent down and you won't have to pay mortgage loan insurance. "The more you put down, the less of a credit risk you are for the mortgage lender," says Krahulic.

Checked your credit rating.

Lenders look at your credit score to determine what kind of repayment risk you pose. Ask your lender to check it or do so yourself online through

Equifax or TransUnion. "If your rating is poor," says Krahulic, "you may have a harder time getting approved."

Received pre-approval. Before you can be pre-approved, you must pre-qualify. A mortgage professional will help you learn what you can afford to buy before you start looking. This involves an honest conversation about your finances that will help determine how much of a loan

you can get. The amount you are pre-approved for is how much of a loan the lender has committed to giving you.

Reviewed mortgage options. The two most common types are open (the rate can be locked in and additional payments made) and closed (the rate is locked in and the terms are fixed). Then there are fixed rate (a locked-in rate that won't increase for the term of the mortgage) and

variable rate (it fluctuates based on market conditions but typically has a fixed payment). It's important to learn the terms of each type. For example, does it allow extra, increased or accelerated payments? Varying payment frequency?

"Mortgage professionals typically advise first-time homebuyers to choose a fixed mortgage because of the predictability of the payments," says Krahulic.

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"It's really very serious stuff and it does take in account the fact that the perpetrator is who he is and has the record that he has."

NBA commissioner David Stern, who on Wednesday said the elbow that Metta World Peace used to give James Harden a concussion was "recklessly thrown" and the Los Angeles Lakers forward's history absolutely weighed into the seven-game suspension. World Peace, who changed his name from Ron Artest, received an 86-game suspension in 2004 — the longest ban for an on-court incident in NBA history — for jumping into the stands at the Palace of Auburn Hills in the Detroit suburbs to fight fans.

NHL awards

Lundqvist headlines Vezina finalists

Henrik Lundqvist of the New York Rangers, Jonathan Quick of the Los Angeles Kings and Pekka Rinne of the Nashville Predators are the finalists for the NHL's Vezina Trophy for best goaltender. The league announced the finalists Wednesday. The winner will be announced June 20 at the NHL awards ceremony in Las Vegas.

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On the web



The role of the closer typically comes with a pay bump in the bullpen, but could it also be considered danger pay? Getting the final three outs is taking its toll as seven closers have spent time on the disabled list already in the young MLB season. Scan the code for the story.



Capitals forward Mike Knuble celebrates teammate Joel Ward's overtime goal in Boston on Wednesday night. ELISE AMENDOLA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Caps put an end to Bruins' cup reign

NHL. Washington advances to second round by eliminating defending champs at home in Boston

Joel Ward slammed home a rebound at 2:57 of overtime to give Washington a 2-1 victory over Boston on Wednesday night, sending the Capitals to the second round of the playoffs and ending the defending Stanley Cup champion Bruins' hopes of a repeat.

Rookie Braden Holtby stopped 31 shots for Washing-

ton in Game 7 — the seventh one-goal game of the series. Matt Hendricks scored the Capitals' other goal.

Tyler Seguin scored, and Tim Thomas made 26 saves for Boston.

It was the first time in NHL history that a playoff series had seven games determined by one goal. Four of the games went to overtime.

Hendricks scored midway through the first period, and Seguin tied it in the second. It stayed that way through a scoreless third, with Washington killing off a penalty in the final three minutes to send the game into overtime.

Game 7

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Bruins

Patrice Bergeron had a chance to win it in the first minute of the extra period, but he couldn't get off a solid shot from Holtby's right. Two minutes later, the Capitals broke into the Boston zone with former Bruin Mike Knuble leading a 2-on-1.

Knuble shot, and Thomas left the rebound out where Ward could reach it with his backhand.

The building fell silent as the Capitals celebrated just their third post-season series win since a run to the Stanley Cup finals in 1998. Some fans littered the ice with debris, but the Bruins waited for the post-game handshake.

Thomas, bringing up the rear, gave Holtby a tap on the shoulder and said, "Great job, kid."

No team has repeated as Stanley Cup champions since the Detroit Red Wings in 1997-98.

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NFL

Johnson to grace Madden cover

Detroit Lions wide receiver Calvin Johnson has been selected to appear on the cover of Madden NFL '13, the popular video game, in a vote by fans.

Johnson beat out Carolina Panthers quarterback Cam Newton, the NFL offensive rookie of the year, by garnering 52 per cent of the more than 651,000 votes cast in the competition between the two playmakers. ESPN revealed the results live on its SportsNation show Wednesday.

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Curling. Canada 5-0 with 2 wins from Eberle, Hicke

Canada remains unbeaten at the world mixed doubles curling championship after a pair of wins Wednesday in Erzurum, Turkey.

Chantelle Eberle and Dean Hicke of Regina led Canada to a 9-3 win over Slovakia while also cruising by Turkey 8-3.

"I think they play well for only having curled for a few years," Eberle said of the host team. "I don't know what the coaching is like here, but in two years that's pretty good. We've been curling for some 20 years."

The victories leave Canada atop the Red Group at 5-0.

China, which trails Canada at 3-0, dumped France 9-3 and will take on Eberle and Hicke on Thursday.

There are 27 teams competing at the event. Teams are divided into three round-robin groups — red, blue and yellow.

Round-robin play continues through Saturday.

Quarter-finals, semifinals and medal games will be played Sunday.

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Tennis

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MLB

Orioles continue to dominate over Blue Jays

Jason Hammel pitched seven innings of four-hit ball, Wilson Betemit and Chris Davis homered, and the Baltimore Orioles blanked the Toronto Blue Jays 3-0 Wednesday night.

After limiting Toronto to one run on Tuesday, Baltimore became the first team this season to shut out the Blue Jays. The Orioles are 4-1 against Toronto after going 6-12 last year.

Hammel (3-0) struck out seven and walked one in lowering his ERA to 1.73 over four starts.

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Toronto's Eric Thames watches Chris Davis' home run in Baltimore on Wednesday.

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Bombers. Player battling back from depression

Jordan Matechuk revealed Wednesday a battle with depression played a role in his arrest last year for marijuana and steroid possession.

Now the Winnipeg Blue Bombers long snapper/full-back wants to talk about the mental illness in the hopes his story will help others.

"The things that happened to me, I did them to myself," Matechuk said after the first day of Winnipeg's mini-camp.

"I live with depression. I suffer from the mental illness depression and I used steroids and marijuana as part of a coping mechanism to make me feel better and I've learnt.

"I went off my medication when I shouldn't have and I'm with my doctor now working hard and we're on the same page and we're all working together here with the Bomber family and they're making sure that everything is good."

Matechuk pleaded guilty last September and served 60 days in jail of his 90-day sentence. The Bombers gave him a second chance when he was signed in February. He had attended the club's training camp in 2007 and '08 and once played for the Winnipeg Rifles junior squad.

Arrest

- Matechuk, 26, was on his way to Hamilton Tiger-Cats training camp from Alberta on May 31, 2011, when border authorities at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., found he was carrying 543 anabolic steroid pills, 262 millilitres of anabolic steroids in liquid form, 1.25 grams of marijuana, 19 syringes and 51 replacement needles.

- When the Ticats learned of his arrest about a week later, he was cut. The native of Yorkton, Sask., had been the team's long snapper and played 41 games from 2008-2010.

He's grateful for the opportunity he has on and off the field.

He was diagnosed with depression two-and-a-half years ago and admitted he was "fighting for my life in June."

"I was fighting the inside demons and I overcame them and I'm feeling good and I'm ready to go here," Matechuk said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Second Spanish football giant knocked out

Cristiano Ronaldo of Real Madrid reacts during a penalty shootout during the Champions League semifinal Wednesday in Madrid. Ronaldo had his penalty saved and Bayern Munich beat Real Madrid 3-1 on penalties to secure its place against Chelsea in the Champions League final following a memorable contest between the longtime European rivals. **JASPER JUINEN/GETTY IMAGES**

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Cricket

Canada searches for coach again

Less than seven months after hiring its last coach, Cricket Canada is again looking for someone to take the national team to the next level after the resignation of Michael Dighton was announced Wednesday.

Dighton, 36, took over the team last September. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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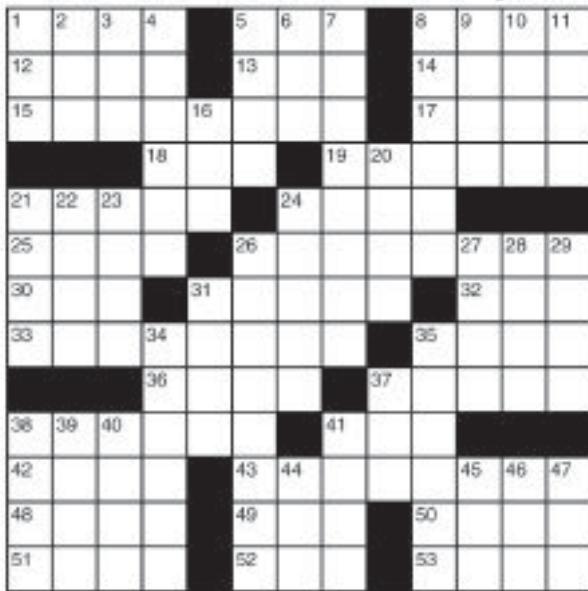
Crossword

Across

- 1 Big bash
- 5 Caviar, basically
- 8 Bunch of cronies
- 12 Shakespeare's river
- 13 Author Fleming
- 14 A-line creator
- 15 Traveler's verification
- 17 Oppositionist
- 18 Humor
- 19 Sought prey
- 21 Taken for granted
- 24 Smooch
- 25 Hebrew month
- 26 Superintendent's ringful
- 30 Prepared
- 31 Judge, often
- 32 Right-turn command
- 33 Long-popular game show
- 35 Dove's home
- 36 Potter's oven
- 37 Washbowl
- 38 Docking area
- 41 Charged particle
- 42 Particular
- 43 Seder time
- 48 Daytime drama
- 49 Baltimore newspaper
- 50 Tablet
- 51 Agile
- 52 Small lizard
- 53 Sweet potatoes

Down

- 1 Hiatus
- 2 Ms. Gardner
- 3 Part of UCLA
- 4 Response
- 5 Laugh-a-minute
- 6 Scull tool
- 7 Filled with zeal
- 8 Polish port city
- 9 "— Misbehavin' "
- 10 Staff member?
- 11 Grating
- 16 Wrestling victory
- 20 Abbr. on old Asian maps
- 21 React in horror
- 22 Notion
- 23 Cisterns
- 24 Wee Scot
- 26 Slippage, to an anatomist
- 27 Cooperation barriers
- 28 Bigfoot's cousin
- 29 Spotted
- 31 Clone
- 34 Covering hardly anything
- 35 Awning
- 37 Derek and Diddley
- 38 "— Congeniality"
- 39 On
- 40 Bring up



- 41 "— It Romantic?"
- 44 Wiedersehen preceder
- 45 By way of

- 46 Freddy's street
- 47 Literary monogram

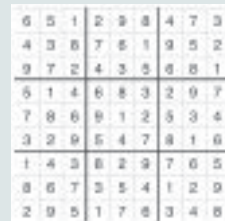
Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku



Yesterday's Crossword



Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

MXCS KCQKIC BFC VEFYHSD
QS B FQIICF VQBYLCF.
VQEIN RQE YBR LXCR'FC
YMCBFHSD EK BSN NQMS?
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SHOULD A COMIC
BOOK ABOUT SOME SUPER-POTENT BAKING
STUFF GET TITLED "THE FANTASTIC FLOUR"?
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals P



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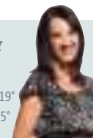


MAX: 4°
MIN: 3°

SATURDAY



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Horoscope

♈ Aries | March 21 - April 20.

Any doubts you have about a financial deal come from your subconscious mind, which is trying to warn you not to get involved.

♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21.

Common sense should tell you to be cautious today but as common sense is currently in limited supply, you probably won't listen.

♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20.

You may be tempted to spend the day in your own private little bubble but let loved ones know.

♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22.

Others will take what you say very seriously, even though to you it may be nothing more than a bit of fun.

♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22.

Your imagination could get you into trouble today, especially on the work front.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.

Don't let anyone persuade you that you need to cut back on the many tasks you have set yourself.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22.

Avoid signing up for group projects. You will do better soldiering on alone, at least for now.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.

Some people will be difficult to get along with today, not least because they are unsure of all the changes going on in your shared environment.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21.

You may believe the best way to solve a problem is to scrap everything but that would be a waste of the time you have already invested.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20.

You can no longer deny that you have been playing a role with which you no longer feel comfortable.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18.

There will be disruption on the home front today, caused by a loved one's sense of grievance.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20.

If there is something important you need to say, make sure you choose your words carefully. Get to the point quickly too. **SALLY BROMPTON**



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Jared

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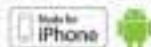
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